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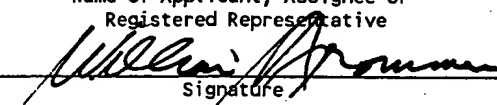
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PETITION REQUESTING CONSIDERATION OF  
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d)

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Sir:

This is a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d)  
requesting consideration of the Information Disclosure Statement  
filed herewith after receipt of the Notice of Allowance, mailed  
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This Information Disclosure Statement lists prior art that has come to the attention of applicants by being cited in a Search Report issued in the corresponding European application on April 8, 2004, a copy of which is enclosed.

As is apparent from said Search Report, applicants' undersigned attorney hereby certifies pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.97(e) that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

This petition is accompanied by the petition fee of \$130.00 set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i).

In view of the above, applicants request that this petition be granted and that the accompanying Information Disclosure Statement be considered.

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